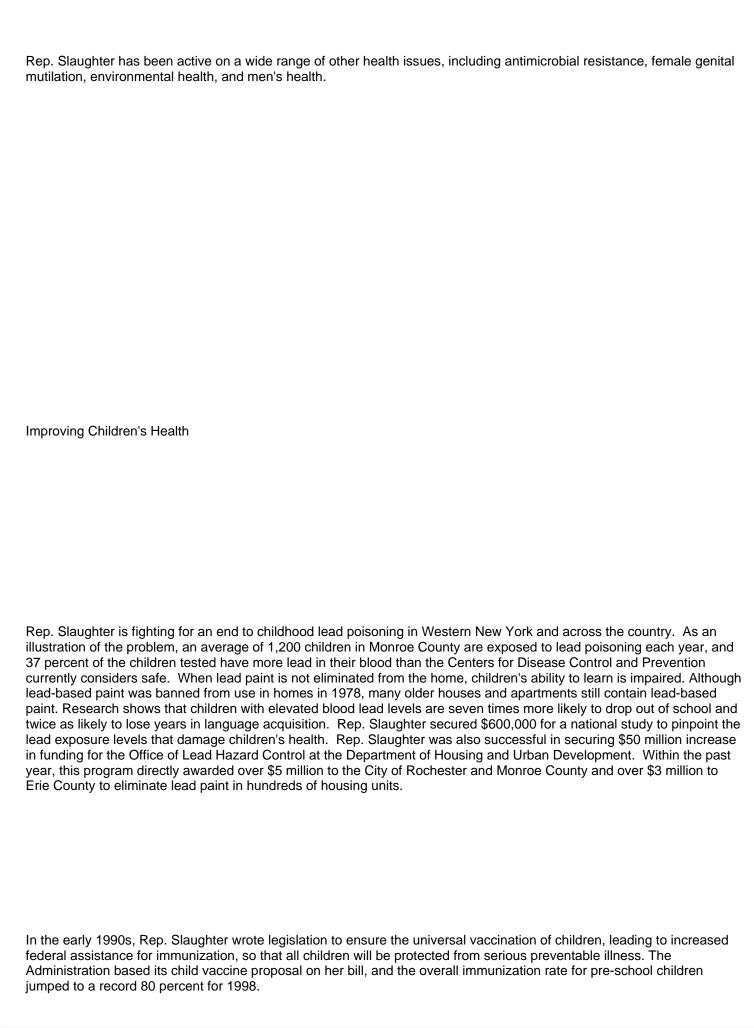
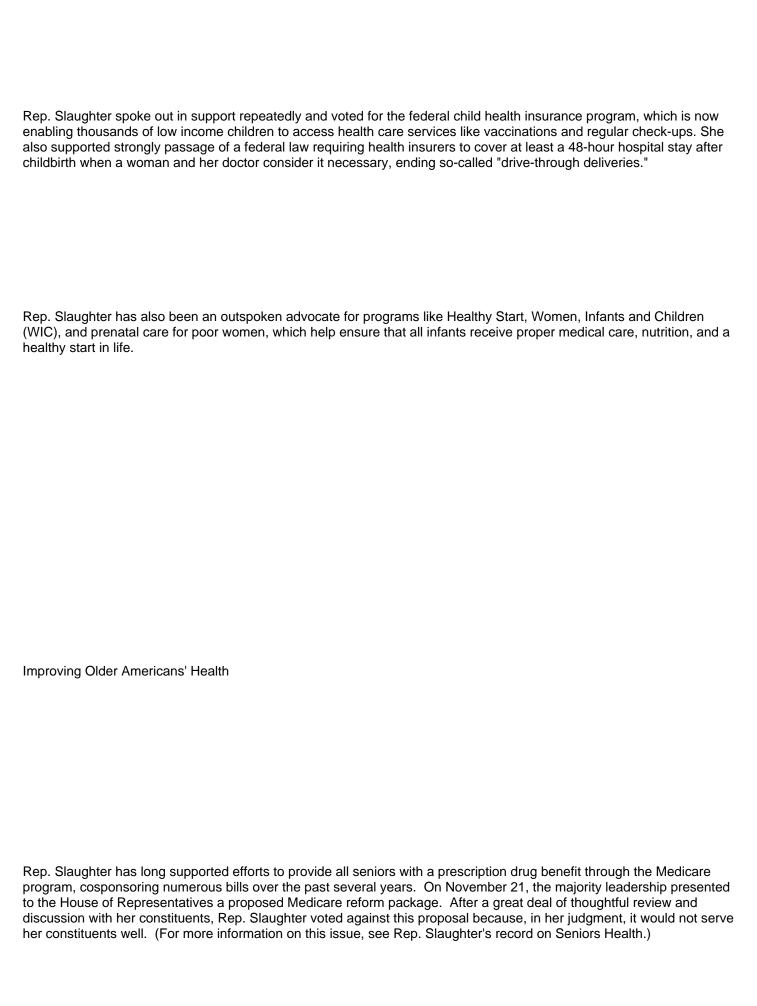
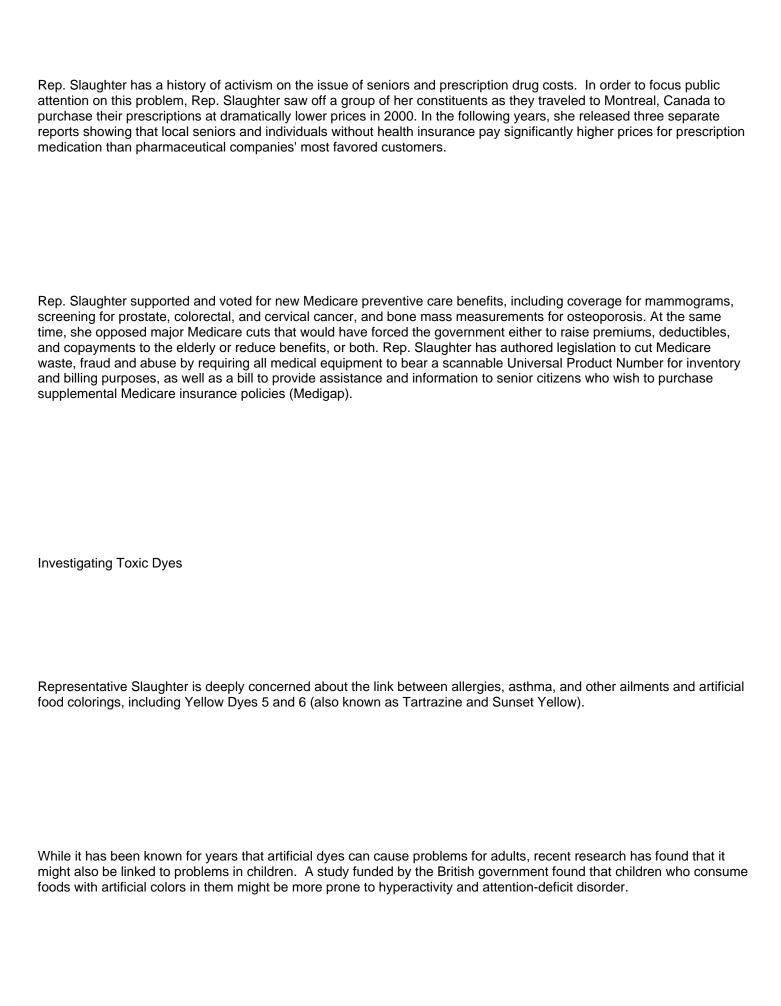
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Throughout out her entire career in government, health care has been among Rep. Louise Slaughter's top priorities. Rep. Slaughter is considered one of the top health care authorities in the U.S. Congress, with a range of legislative victories under her belt. As the only Member of Congress holding a master's degree in public health, she is uniquely qualified to examine and discuss the health care issues before our nation.
Rep. Slaughter's record on health care reflects her broad interest and deep commitment in these issues. She is acknowledged as the leading expert in Congress on genetic discrimination issues, having sponsored two bills on this issue and garnered the support of a majority of Congress for banning this practice. During the early 1990s, she was responsible for securing the first \$500 million dedicated by Congress to breast cancer research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). She was a leader in efforts to force the NIH to include women in all clinical trials, a practice that had been resisted for many years. She sponsored the first law directing the NIH to research the miscarriage drug diethylstilbestrol (DES), which had serious health consequences for some children exposed in utero. Rep. Slaughter has also authored legislation to improve research on women's environmental health, educate Americans about colorectal cancer, and reduce waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare program.
Rep. Slaughter is especially committed to the health care needs of her home district. She worked tirelessly to persuade the Veterans Administration to construct a new clinic in Rochester to serve local veterans. More recently, she spoke out in vocal opposition the possible closure of the veterans hospital in Canandaigua. Her office acts as a liaison between local health care providers and federal health care agencies. Further, she regularly supports applications from area hospitals and researchers for federal grant funds. In 1999 alone, over \$70 million in federal grants came into the 28th Congressional District. In 2003, she obtained \$1 million for Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center's landmark new cardiac emergency unit.







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